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STATEMENT**

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Invention Title

**DATA STORING SYSTEM, ISSUING
APPARATUS, DATA PROVIDING APPARATUS
AND COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM
STORING DATA STORING PROGRAM**

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1. In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with the procedures of 35 U.S.C. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and M.P.E.P. § 609, attorneys for Applicants hereby bring the following reference to the attention of the Examiner. This reference is listed on the attached modified PTO Form No. 1449. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.
2. Following is a concise explanation of the relevance of each of the Articles which has been prepared by applicants' Japanese counsel:
 - (1) Next generation IC card system study group, "NICS-Framework basic concept", March 2000
 - (2) Visa, "Open Platform, Overview", February 2000
 - (3) MAOSCO, "Overview of the MULTOS environment", 1997
 - (4) International application, WO 00/08611, February 17, 2000

The relevance between the above inventions and the present invention is that the above inventions and the present invention relate to a card system.

3. Copies of the cited references listed on the modified PTO form 1449 are enclosed.

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OTHER DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PERTINENT PAGES, ETC.		
	Next generational IC card system study group, "NICS-Framework basic concept", March 2000 pages 1-66		
	VISA, "Open Platform, Overview", February 2000, pages 1-29		
	MAOSCO, "Overview of the MULTOS Environment" 1997, pages 1-11		

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